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In re Application of: )  
MASATO YAMANOBE, ET AL. ) : Examiner: A. Patel  
Application No.: 09/041,639 ) : Group Art Unit: 2875  
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The Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under  
37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under  
37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed  
to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of  
the listed document is also enclosed.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication 5-190077  
relates to a surface induction type electron emitting element  
that includes a fine particle film 6 of a nonuniform thickness.

Applicants certify under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) (1) that each item of information contained in the subject information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

Specifically, this document was cited in a Korean Official Letter dated May 2, 2000, in a corresponding Korean patent application.

A copy of the Official Letter that issued on that related application is enclosed.

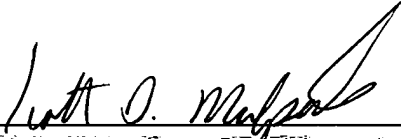
As will be appreciated, Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 3-196455 was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 2, 1999. Therefore, this document is not listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449 nor is a copy included with the subject Information Disclosure Statement.

#### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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